

**CLAIMS**

I claim:

1. An anchor sheet comprising:  
5 a plurality of generally polygonal anchor sheets having a cut of a predefined first geometric shape reducing the thickness of the anchor sheet in a first area and having a second complete cut of a smaller second area within the first area of a predefined second geometric shape
- 10 2. The anchor sheet of claim 1 wherein the first geometric shape is a circle.
3. The anchor sheet of claim 1 wherein the second geometric shape is a circle.
4. The anchor sheet of claim 1 wherein the first geometric shape is a circle and the  
15 second geometric shape is a circle.
5. The anchor sheet of claim 1 wherein the anchor sheets are squares.
6. An anchor sheet comprising:  
20 a plurality of generally polygonal anchor sheets having a cut of a predefined first geometric shape reducing the thickness of the anchor sheet in a first area surrounding the apex of the angles of each sheet and having a second complete cut of a smaller second area within the first area of a predefined second geometric shape.
- 25 7. The anchor sheet of claim 6 in which the generally polygonal sheet is a rectangle.
8. The anchor sheet of claim 6 wherein the first geometric shape is a circle.
9. The anchor sheet of claim 6 wherein the second geometric shape is a circle.
- 30 10. The anchor sheet of claim 7 wherein the first geometric shape is circle and the second geometric shape is a circle.

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11. The anchor sheet of claim 10 wherein the circles are centred on the apexes of the angles.
- 5 12. A corner piece having an area of maximum thickness substantially the same as a complementary anchor sheet and having a first upper area of reduced thickness corresponding in shape and thickness to the reduced thickness area of an anchor sheet and a second area corresponding in shape and thickness to a cut away portion of anchor sheet.
- 10 13. An anchor sheet for anchoring a decorative covering to a floor comprising:  
a generally polygonal sheet;  
the generally polygonal sheet having at least two adjacent edges which have a lower  
portion cut away to create an overhanging area of anchor sheet and at least two  
adjacent lower edges under the overhang;  
15 the generally polygonal anchor sheet having at least two adjacent edges which have  
an upper portion cut away to create an underlay area of anchor sheet leaving at  
least two adjacent underlay edges at the outer edge of the underlay; and  
a first area of reduced thickness surrounding the apexes of the angles formed by any  
two of the lower edges and the underlay edges.
- 20 14. The anchor sheet of claim 13 further comprising:  
a second area completely cut out around the apexes of the angles formed by any two  
of the lower edges and the underlay edges.
- 25 15. A method of installing an anchor sheet subfloor over a floor, said anchor sheets  
having a cut-away section of reduced thickness at the corners of the anchor sheets,  
comprising the steps of:  
laying anchor sheets in abutting fashion over a floor;  
aligning the anchor sheets so that the corners of the anchor sheets match;  
30 inserting corner pieces in the reduced thickness area at the apexes formed by the  
corners of the anchor sheets; and  
attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets  
they overlap.

- 5 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap consists of attaching some of the corner pieces to the floor and the remaining corner pieces to the anchor sheets they overlap.
- 10 17. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap consists of attaching all of the corner pieces to the anchor sheets they overlap.
18. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap consists of attaching all of the corner pieces to the floor.
- 15 19. The method of claim 15 wherein the anchor sheets further comprise a cut-out section within said cut-away section of reduced thickness.
20. The method of claim 15 further comprising a step of attaching an overlay on the anchor sheets and corner pieces
- 20 21. The method of claim 20 wherein the step of attaching an overlay on the anchor sheets and corner pieces consists of detachably attaching an overlay to the anchor sheets and corner pieces.
- 25 22. A method of installing an anchor sheet subfloor over a floor, said anchor sheets being designed to overlap and having a cut-away section of reduced thickness at the corners of the anchor sheets, comprising the steps of:  
laying anchor sheets in overlapping relationship over a floor;  
aligning the anchor sheets so that the corners of the anchor sheets match;  
30 inserting corner pieces in the reduced thickness area at the apexes formed by the corners of the anchor sheets; and  
attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the step of attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap consists of attaching some of the corner pieces to the floor and the remaining corner pieces to the anchor sheets they overlap.
24. The method of claim 22 wherein the step of attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap consists of attaching all of the corner pieces to the anchor sheets they overlap.
25. The method of claim 22 wherein the step of attaching at least some of the corner pieces to either the floor or to the anchor sheets they overlap consists of attaching all of the corner pieces to the floor.
26. The method of claim 22 wherein the anchor sheets further comprise a cut-out section within said cut-away section of reduced thickness.
27. The method of claim 22 further comprising a step of attaching an overlay on the anchor sheets and corner pieces.
28. The method of claim 27 wherein the step of attaching an overlay on the anchor sheets and corner pieces consists of detachably attaching an overlay to the anchor sheets and corner pieces.

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